Personal Care Products Safety Act



How would the *Personal Care Products Safety Act* affect small businesses?

Q: Do small businesses need to register with FDA?

A: Companies selling less than \$100,000 in personal care product sales per year **do not** have to register with the Food and Drug Administration (FDA).

The FDA would be required under the bill to provide small companies, defined as those with less than 500 employees, with extra time to register changes to their products, and for new products.

FDA may allow small companies selling less than \$500,000 per year to do a simplified registration, with a listing of ingredients, rather than the specific range of concentrations. If the list of ingredients does not change from year to year, all companies (regardless of size) have a simplified registration process.

Q: Do small businesses need to pay a user fee?

A: Small businesses would not need to pay a user fee unless their sales are at least \$500,000 per year. The fee is only \$250 annually for companies with between \$500,000 and \$2.5 million in sales, based on average sales over the previous three years.

Q: When would small businesses need to comply?

A: Small businesses with less than 500 employees have two extra years to comply with new Good Manufacturing Practices that FDA will provide regulations on.

FDA and the Small Business Administration must also provide technical assistance to small companies regarding compliance with the law.

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